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FM AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 9830

C O N F I D E N T I A L KINGSTON 0098

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, JM

SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATIONS AND RIOTS IN KINGSTON

1. SEPTELS DESCRIBE ARMED POLITICAL WARFARE IN TRENCH TOWN AREA (ROUGHLY ONE MILE FROM EMBASSY CHANCERY) AND DEMONSTRATION ON JANUARY 7 WHICH RESULTED IN MINOR DAMAGE TO CONSULATE OFFICES ON EUREKA ROAD.

2. AS PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE AMBASSADOR TODAY HAS SENT TO MINISTER NATIONAL SECURITY MUNN FORMAL WRITTEN REQUEST FOR 24-HOUR POLICE PROTECTION ALL U.S. OFFICES HERE PENDING RESTORATION LAW AND ORDER. SIMILAR REQUEST MADE TO MINEXTAFF PERMANENT SECRETARY PHILLIPS. WE WILL BE DISPATCHING DIPLOMATIC NOTE RE DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF CONSULATE AND GOJ LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES.

3. ALL EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN WARNED TO AVOID AREAS AFFECTED BY DEMONSTRATIONS AND RIOTS. MARINE GUARDS AT CHANCERY BEING DOUBLED THIS EVENING.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY WISHES STRESS FOREGOING ACTIONS ARE
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IN FACT PRECAUTIONARY AND THAT FURTHER AND SERIOUS

DAMAGE TO ANY OF OUR PREMISES IS PROBABLY UNLIKELY.
SIMILARLY, WE DO NOT BELIEVE ANY OF OUR STAFF ARE
IMMEDIATELY THREATENED IF THEY EXERCISE COMMON SENSE
PRECAUTIONS. AMBASSADOR PLANS TO MEET WITH PM AT EARLIEST
POSSIBLE DATE TO DISCUSS OUR CONCERN RELATIVE TO FACT
PNP YOUTH ORGANIZATION INVOLVED IN TODAY'S ATTACK ON
CONSULATE.

5. SINCE PREPARATION ABOVE, EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT
JAMAICAN MOBILE POLICE RESERVE (I.E., THE RIOT SQUAD)
ON EDGE OF MUTINY AND REFUSING TO LEAVE
BARRACKS. CAUSE UNCERTAIN BUT PROBABLY FLOWS FROM
GOVERNMENT'S UNWILLINGNESS THUS FAR TO PERMIT POLICE TO
TAKE STRONG ACTION AGAINST DEMONSTRATORS AND RIOTERS.
JAMAICAN DEFENSE FORCE RESERVES HAVE JUST BEEN CALLED UP.
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